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Robert C. Hockett, Associate Scientific Director
Tobacco Industry Research Committee
150 East Forty Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hockett:

Under separate cover we are sending you 25 reprints on our recent article "Cancer of the Lung from 1900 to 1930." We won't worry about the fact that you didn't help with this job since I am going to discuss with you the possibility of assistance on a similar project.

You may recall that I discussed with you sometime ago a project, that we have approximately 50 per cent completed, that involves the recording of all available references on cancer of the lung up to the present time. In our files we have approximately 12 to 15 thousand reference cards. We would like to get this material together and make it available to those who are interested in this problem. What I would like to do would be to list these references in alphabetical order and check out significant articles that deal with specific topics and designate them in specific groups.

This will require considerable checking in the library and it may be necessary to check in the National Library in Washington and probably the library in New York. I understand the latter has a nice collection of books on cancer of the lung. After this material is compiled, I would be very happy to turn it over to the Tobacco Industry Research Committee for their distribution as complimentary material to those in this country and elsewhere who may find this material of value. I think that the medical libraries in the country might be interested in receiving a copy.

If the Tobacco Industry Research Committee would not consider it wise to send this out as a complimentary publication, I think we might look into the problem of recording it in Washington. I understand there is a place in Washington where such data may be filed and one who desires it may obtain same for a nominal fee.

At the present time I do not have any information as to the cost of publishing the data. We would complete the references so that they could be copied, thus reducing the cost of publication. I estimate that we could do this for \$7500.00, that is, complete the references and get them in final form for subsequent printing.

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Do you think your group would be interested in considering this project? If there is any additional data you would like to have, I will be glad to supply same.

In compiling these references, there is one additional historical study that we wish to complete - Cancer of the Lung from 1930 to 1956. This specific study would then be considered as being supported by your organization.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

/s/ R.H. Rigdon, M.D.
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